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Application No.: 09/683,003  
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Applicant: Yu, et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1614  
Examiner: Unknown  
Title: COMPOSITION AND METHOD  
Attorney Docket: 2664H-000110/US  
Client Ref.: 6601-00

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C. <input type="checkbox"/> Because the present application was/is being filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of the U.S. patents or U.S. patent application publications which are listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed pursuant to the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i). Any foreign patent documents or non-patent literature listed on the attached Form 1449 are enclosed herewith.	
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2.  English translations are provided.
3.  Other:

C.  The following additional information is provided for the Examiner's consideration.

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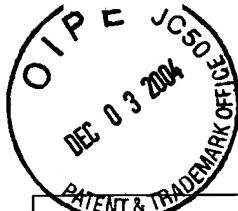
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1		6,238,708	05/29/2001	Hayek et al.		
2		6,156,355	12/05/2000	Shields, Jr., et al.		
3		5,798,121	08/25/1998	Cauwet et al.		
4		5,702,690	12/30/1997	Dubief et al.		
5		5,629,002	05/13/1997	Weuffen et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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6		WO 03/039562 A1	05/15/2003	WIPO		X	
7		0 583 026 A1	02/16/1994	Europe		X	
8		1 444 024 A	07/28/1976	Great Britain		X	

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9		Lee, et al., <u>Current Issues in Trace Element Nutrition of Grazing Livestock in Australia and New Zealand</u> , <i>Aust. J. Agric. Res.</i> 50:1341-64 (1999)
10		Section Ch, Week 199727, Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB, <u>XP-002230564</u> abstract (14 June 1995)

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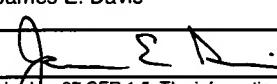
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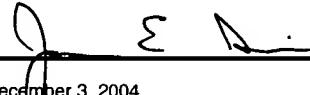
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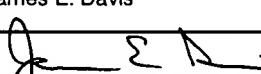
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